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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of ex parte presentation, CAF Phase II competitive bidding -
Hughes Network Systems (WC Docket No. 10-90)*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 9, 2015, Hughes Network Systems (“Hughes”) met with Stephanie Weiner, legal advisor to Chairman Tom Wheeler, and Carol Matthey, Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss the requirements for participation in the competitive bidding process for Connect America Fund (“CAF”) Phase II. Hughes was represented by Jennifer Manner, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs; Phillip O’Brien, Vice President, Legal – North America Division and Associate General Counsel; and undersigned counsel. In the meeting, Hughes urged the Commission to adopt competitively neutral standards for participation in the CAF Phase II competitive bidding process. In particular, Hughes urged the Commission not to prioritize bidders based on the broadband technology used, and to adopt participation criteria that recognize the physical realities of satellite service with regard to such factors as latency and capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

WILKINSON BARKER KNAUER, LLP

/s/

L. Charles Keller

cc: Stephanie Weiner
Carol Matthey